trade zone for garments and fabrics may be set up jointly by the European and American textile industries. However, no further details on this issue are available with the Government.

(c) Necessary steps to protect the interests of India's Textile exports would be considered at the appropriate time.

Environment Norms to be followed while Exporting Textiles Items to Germany

612. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a major part of the country's foreign exchange earnings from the European Community are from exports of apparel and textiles, particularly to Germany;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Indian Textile exporters have now to conform to stiff environment forms se by German agencies; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose o take to ensure that textile exporters follow these norms and also continue to export textiles and apparel to the German market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). No new environment norms have come into force in Germany with regard to export of Textiles from India.

Share of cotton in Global Textile Market

613. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Joint Export Group Comprising of major cotton producing nations has agreed to enhance the share of cotton in global textile market and to vastly improve market accesses;

(b) if so, what are the countries which are represented in the Export Group; and

(c) to what extent the formation of Export Group has helped all the cotton producing nations including India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) he International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) which is an association of 44 Governments) of Cotton producing and consuming countries held its 52nd Plenary Meeting in October, 1993 in New Delhi. One of the decisions wag to develop a project proposal for Common Fund Financing for an expor-recommend a practicial way of implementing programmes which would enhance the share of cotton in global textile market.

Cotton Textile Exporters

614. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total export pot-enital for cotton textiles;

(b) what are the main constraints which inhibit the growth of cotton exports.;

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to enhance cotton text ile exports;

(d) what are the details of struct ural infirmities that are hindering the exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) For 1993-94 a target of US dollar 1797.88 million has been